

## Part 2: Article

### Task overview

You choose **one** of the tasks in Part 2. You can choose **either** an article **or** a story. For an article, you read a notice from a magazine or website asking for articles. The notice gives the topic of the article and includes some questions. You write your article on that topic. You have to answer the questions and write about 100 words.

### Example question

You see this notice on an English-language student website.

## Articles wanted!

### A restaurant in my town

Tell us about a restaurant you have been to in your town or city.

What was good about it?

Was there anything that wasn't so good?

Would you recommend it to other people?

Write an article answering these questions and we will publish the most interesting articles on our website.

Write your **article** in about **100 words**.

### Example answer

*Do you like Italian food? I love it, so I was delighted when my parents took me to Fratelli's restaurant last weekend.*

*The good thing about Fratelli's is that there's plenty of choice. You can either have pizza or pasta, or a meat or fish dish. Everything is delicious, except the salads, which aren't very exciting.*

*The only bad thing about the restaurant is that there's no music, so it's very quiet! But on the whole, I would recommend it, and I'm sure you'd love the food. Do you think I should ask them to put some music on next time I go?*

Ask an opening question to make your reader feel involved.

Answer all the questions in the task. You can choose the order in which you include the information.

Use connectors to link ideas.

Use adjectives to make your writing more interesting.

This answers the second question.

This answers the third question.

Invite other people to give their opinions.

## Over to you

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

### Articles wanted!

## A good day out

What makes a good day out?

Is it the people you go with, the activities, the weather – or all of these things?

Tell us about a good day out that you have had and what made it so special.

Write an article answering these questions and we will publish the most interesting articles in our magazine.

Write your **article** in about **100 words**.

### Exam help

- Read the task carefully so that you understand what you need to write. Think about who is going to read your article.
- Answer all the questions in the task.
- Use connectors (e.g. *but, so, because, either, or*) to link your ideas.
- Use adjectives to make your writing more interesting.
- When you are describing something, give positive and negative points about it.
- You can start with an opening question, to interest your readers.
- Invite other people to give their opinions.
- Write about 100 words. Check your work for grammar or spelling mistakes.

### useful language

#### linking ideas

and / but / so / because

either ... or ...

as soon as

except

so that

although

#### giving your opinion

I think ...

For me, ...

In my opinion, ...

#### opening questions

Have you ever ...?

Do you like ...?

How important is it for you to ...?

#### inviting other people to give their opinions

Do you think (that) ...?

What do you think of this idea/plan?

Have you got any suggestions / good ideas?

#### making positive comments

The good thing about ...

The best thing is ...

#### describing problems

The ... can sometimes be poor.

The only bad thing is ...

#### making a recommendation

If you watched/saw/tried this, you'd love it.

On the whole, I would/can recommend this (concert/TV show/restaurant/film).